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FOR FINAL EVENTS

WINNERS TO BE SELECTED IN SUB-DISTRICT CONTESTS

ENTRIES ARE COMING IN

Maryville High School Expects to Take Share of Prizes at Annual Meet to Be Held at the Normal

In the sub-district contests next Saturday night to pick winners who will be entered in the annual events to be held by the Northwest Missouri High School Association at the Normal on April 26-27, Maryville High School will be represented by the following:

Declamation—Mabel Raines.

Oratory—Harold Houchens.

Extemporaneous speaking — Ruth Hankins and Chas. Bellows.

Song contest—A sextette composed of Blanche Alexander, Mary M. Condon, Annice Neal, Leska Wray, Russell Allen, Lee Maier and Ralph Yehle.

The Normal school has for years been holding speaking contests in the spring, open to all the high schools of this normal district. These contests have so grown that in late years the entries have been so numerous that it has become necessary to have some sort of preliminary elimination contests prior to the final contest. Accordingly the normal district was divided into six sub-districts and in each of them a contest is held a week before the finals. Thus in the final contests there will be six entries in each event.

Maryville is located in sub-district No. 1 and the contest this year is to be held in Maryville. T. C. Callaway of Mound City has been chairman of the sub-district, but upon his leaving a few weeks ago Mr. Magee of the Maryville high school was appointed chairman and he is making plans for the contest here Saturday night.

A number of schools have already sent their entries in and a lively contest is anticipated. The local schools will be represented in every event. A series of contests have been held during the last few weeks and the best speakers and singers in the school have been found and much is expected of them in the forthcoming contest and in the final contests at the Normal school.

The local high school students are planning to entertain the visiting contestants while they are in town and to make them feel that Maryville is a good place to live in and go to school. A reception in their honor will be held after the contests.

HUNS CONTROL UKRAINIA.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, April 18.—Germany and Austria have assumed complete control of Ukrainia, according to confidential advices reaching the state department today.

CHANGES IN BRITISH CABINET.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, April 18.—Viscount Milner has been made minister of war, succeeding Earl Derby, according to official announcement. It is also announced Austin Chamberlain, formerly secretary for India, has taken a place in the war cabinet. Earl Derby succeeds Lord Bertie as British ambassador to Paris.

Secretary Claypool Back on Job.

Secretary E. M. Claypool is back at his desk again at Commercial Club headquarters after an illness of over two weeks, having been confined to his bed with an aggravated attack of grip.

STETTINUS TO AIR BOARD

Believe Problem Will Be Solved With Appointment of War Secretary to Post as the Director

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, April 18.—The solution of the aircraft problem similar to the action taken with regard to the shipping board will be reached by the president within forty-eight hours, it was stated today in administration circles. Second Assistant Secretary of War Stettinus will be placed in the post of aircraft board and will be practically identical with that of Schwab to the shipping board.

URGE DOCKERY FOR SENATOR

Pressure From Washington Is Being Brought On Gardner to Name Former Governor to Stone's Place

Jefferson City, April 18.—A good deal of pressure is being brought to bear on Governor Gardner to have him appoint former Governor A. M. Dockery to succeed United States Senator William Joel Stone. Most of this pressure is coming from Washington, or rather from Missourians who are making their headquarters now in that city.

STATE'S BIG WHEAT ACREAGE

Missouri Farmers Never Planted So Much Before—Gives Promise of a Record Breaking Crop

Jefferson City, April 18.—In cooperation with the federal department the state board of agriculture has grouped the various counties of the state with respect to their growing wheat crop and it has developed that fifteen wheat-growing counties have an average as good as 100 per cent and some of them a little over. The acreage of growing wheat stands at 2,875,000 and the estimate on the yield call for 42,500,000 bushels. The Missouri farmers never planted so large an acreage of wheat in past years as is now giving promise of the greatest crop on record, and never before, considering the entire state, was the outlook for a big yield so promising. The following shows the grouping in districts, the average of each district and the percentage accredited to each county:

Northwest district 88%. Andrew, 90; Atchison, 90; Buchanan, 92; Clay, 92; Clinton, 97; Davies, 97; DeKalb, 97; Gentry, 81; Harrison, 85; Holt, 85; Nodaway, 80; Platte, 85; Ray, 88; Worth, 75; Caldwell, 91.

North Central district, 87%. Adair, 84; Carroll, 97; Chariton, 100; Grundy, 84; Linn, 94; Livingston, 90; Macon, 86; Mercer, 86; Putnam, 81; Randolph, 95; Schuyler, 83; Sullivan, 71.

Northeast district, 92%. Audrain, 95; Clark, 85; Knox, 85; Lewis, 90; Marion, 95; Monroe, 93; Pike, 91; Ralls, 95; Scotland, 89; Shelby, 94.

West district, 94%. Bates, 98; Cass 95; Cedar, 90; Henry, 92; Jackson, 96; Johnson, 94; LaFayette, 95; St. Clair, 97; Vernon, 90.

East district, 95%. Benton, 95; Boone, 92; Callaway, 88; Camden, 100; Cole, 95; Cooper, 100; Dallas, 98; Hickory, 92; Howard, 93; Laclede, 86; Maries, 88; Miller, 100; Moniteau, 100; Morgan, 95; Osage, 90; Pettis, 94; Phelps, 94; Polk, 104.

Medical Examiner of C. B. & Q.

Dr. J. L. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cox of Maryville has been appointed medical examiner for the C. B. & Q. railroad company, and will be stationed at Alliance, Neb. Dr. Cox is a graduate of the Maryville high school, and of the old seminary.

SEED CORN PRICES

PROFITEERING CONDEMNED AS DISLOYAL BY GOVERNMENT

$5 BU. IS ENOUGH TO PAY

County Food Administrator Warns That Corn Should Be Tested Before Planting Owing to Its Scarcity

Firms and individuals who are selling seed corn for more than $5 per bushel are being looked on as profiteers by the food administration and by the government. It is learned that a number of holders of seed corn in this county are asking from $6 to $9 and $10 a bushel and unless prices are reduced they will likely be required to answer to the food administration.

In a notice to farmers today, F. P. Robinson, county food administrator, says:

"Don't be robbed on seed corn. Mr. Mumford, Missouri food administrator, has advised me that the Missouri Corn Growers Association has recently adopted a resolution condemning profiteering in seed corn as disloyal and advising the public that $5 a bushel is a fair price and a higher price is excessive.

"Every farmer is also warned to plant none but ear tested seed, as we must take every precaution to raise a big crop of corn this year.

"I have been driving over the county the past two weeks and find many farmers have their ground ready to plant, and some are about to begin planting at once. Owing to scarcity of seed we cannot afford to replant, and I suggest that it is wise to wait a few days, till about May 1, and I believe any extra work put on your seed bed in the meantime will bring big returns."

BIG BOUT TO TWIN CITIES

Minnesota Boxing Commission Waived the No-Decision Rule — Build Arena for 35,000 Persons

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Minneapolis, April 18.—The Jess-Willard-Fred Fulton world's heavy weight boxing championship, scheduled for July 4, will be staged in an arena midway between St. Paul and Minneapolis, according to an announcement made here today.

In compliance with the state law the fight will be limited to ten rounds. The state commission, however, will waive its rule against a decision and will permit naming of the winner at the finish.

Hundreds of circus seats, to be shipped from Chicago, will necessitate an outlay of approximately $20,000 for which Colonel Miller has asked assistance of Twin City business men. A fund of $10,000 already has been pledged, it was said. The seating capacity of the arena to be constructed is expected to be for more than 35,000 persons.

HOPKINS WILL CELEBRATE

Plans Made for Big Patriotic Jubilee Friday, May 3 — Regimental Band Will Be There

Hopkins is arranging for a patriotic jubilee to be held on Friday, May 3, at which time the people will join together in celebrating the way Hopkins township and every school district therein went over the top in the matter of buying Liberty Bonds, says the Hopkins Journal.

A regimental band from Camp Funston, consisting of thirty members, will furnish the music and prominent speakers will be here. It is also planned to have floats and other demonstrations in keeping with the day.

The "army band" is composed chiefly of northwest Missouri boys, John Dooley of this city being a member, and is said to be a splendid musical organization.

C. E. Donlin has a telegram from Sergeant R. R. Ridge stating that the band will be here, and an effort will be made to secure Rev. C. Emerson Miller of Maryville for the principal address, his speech here on the eve of the bond campaign striking such a popular chord that the people are clamoring for his return.

It is likely special trains will be run bringing people from up and down the branch and the people of the immediate territory will turn out en masse, making altogether one of the largest crowds ever assembling in

THE FINAL BATTLE IN 1920

Geo. W. Simmons, Red Cross Director, Back From Battle Front, Says Decision Is Yet Far Off

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

St. Louis, April 18. — The United States must hurry three million men to France, declared George W. Simmons, manager of the southwestern division of the Red Cross, who has just returned from a tour of the battle front in France. The decisive battle of the war will not be fought until the autumn of 1920, he continued. The fighting spirit of the American soldiers in France is wonderful and the Yankees are amazing the entire world, he said.

REPORT MORE NAMES

FINAL STATUS FOR 110 OTHERS FIXED BY DISTRICT BOARD

IN DEFERRED CLASSES

All Given Temporary Exemption But Two, Who Were Placed In A-1—Still Other Names to Be Reported

The district board reports today on one hundred and ten additional names in the selective draft with final status fixed. With but two exceptions all are placed in deferred classes and include men who were married since last June. The majority are placed in classes I, J and C. The two exceptions noted are placed in class A-1; they are Orval Glenn Ossman and Tulley Herbert Pennington.

The list returned is as follows:

Orval Glenn Ossman, A-1.
Valdo Turner Lawrence, C-2.
Wm. James Anderson, I-1.
Geo. J. Hickerson, I-1.
Don Gregory Hainey, I-1.
Francis Marion Richey, I-1.
Ova C. Goff, C-2.
Edward M. Goforth, I-1.
Joseph Osburn, I-1.
Arma Jay Moberly, I-1.
Dortha Loren Carmichael, I-1.
Elmer Ware Johnston, I-1.
Thomas Leonard Egan, J-3.
Francis M. Murphy, I-1.
Bert Hatcher, I-1.
Harold H. Bellows, J-3.
Frank Alva E. Ross, J-3.
Ray Davis, J-3.
Arthur L. Hunt, C-2.
Ernest Walden, J-3.
John Michael Lynch, C-4.
Harvey Albert Dunning, I-1.
Arthur Porter, I-1.
Tulley Herbert Pennington, A-1.
Tony Davison, I-1.
Moses Thome Fuller, J-3.
James David Harper, C-4.
William Howard, I-1.
Alfred B. Wells, I-1.
Willie Lee Dillon, C-2.
Elbon Andrew Wolfe, I-1.
Frank Howard Merriam, B-2.
Roy Jeme Mayes, B-2.
Roy E. Wedge, A-4.
Henry Carl Borcher, I-1.
Loy J. Blanchard, A-4.
Lester L. Sipes, I-1.
Ernest Clarence Thuli, J-3.
Frank Thos. Gwinn, C-2.
Lee Carol Guthrie, J-3.
Arthur Campbell Hamilton, J-3.
John Henry Clymans, J-3.
Ora Lee Dukes, C-2.
Ova Baker, I-1.
Chas. Van Yardley, A-4.
Joseph W. Linneman, A-4.
Wm. Bogue, I-1.
Wm. Oliver Tanner, J-3.
Leroy Lippman, J-3.
Chas. Percival Ingerson, J-3.
Fred Leland Pike, J-3.
Homer F. Edwards, C-2.
Lloyd Lee Strickler, A-4.
Thos. R. Noblet, I-1.
Geo. Otis Riley, A-4.
Guy Wm. Eads, A-4.
Geo. Arthur Maloy, A-4.
Lloyd Delbert Weir, I-1.
Perry Clarence Chappell, I-1.
Stanley Livingston Davidson, C-2.
Wm. Orville Campbell, I-1.
Thos. Clarence Davis, C-2.
Paul Reed Crain, C-2.
Ray Henry Taylor, C-2.
John Thos. Neal, I-1.
Carl Wm. Larson, J-3.
Kenneth Mearl Green, D-2.
Everett Hamlin Smith, I-1
Samuel Francis Bruns, I-1.
John Wm. Johnson, I-1.
Silas A. Huff, I-1.
Loren Asbell, C-2.
R. T. Allen, I-1.
Geo. A. Sallee, J-3.
Russell B. Young, I-1.
Burt Edgar Pfeiffer, C-2.
James Cornelius Lynch, J-3.

NAME 9 OVERSEERS

TOWNSHIP BOARD MAKES ROAD APPOINTMENTS

WAIT ON THE TAX LEVY

Will Be Taken Up at Adjournment Meeting On May 17 When State Board Will Have Reported

The township board yesterday appointed road overseers in the nine road districts in the township as follows:

District 1—A. R. Robinson.
District 2—C. A. Hart.
District 3—John Halasey.
District 4—Ed Seipel.
District 5—John Halasey.
District 6—John L. Kime.
District 7—Guy Stults.
District 8—Rex Kidder.
District 9—Fred Armstrong.

John Halasey was given two districts for the reason that there was no applicant from District 5 and the board considered him a good road man.

The Seipel tractor will be put to work on the roads next week, making two outfits in service working every road in the county. The board urges that all district overseers follow up the tractors and graders as they reach the respective districts. With the big machine unable to get close to bridges and culverts instructions are also given to clean out the ditches from where the tractor is forced to turn so that water may have a free course.

Because of the fact that the state equalization board has as yet made no report on the tax returns, the board did not make the township levy at the meeting yesterday, but adjourned until May 17, at which time the levy will be taken up and fixed.

All road overseers will also be notified to meet at that time to consider and plan an effective campaign for good roads.

COOKING CLASS AT HOPKINS

Miss Anna Balnum Will Be Demonstrator For Classes Authorized by Government for Conservation

A cooking class is being organized in Hopkins which seeks the support of every live and responsible woman of the town. These classes are encouraged by the government that they may teach the ladies how to use the different substitutes the government has asked us to use and to teach conservation.

The first of a series of twenty-four lessons will be given at the Presbyterian church basement Thursday afternoon, April 25, at 2 o'clock. This will be registration day and each person joining is asked to bring tablet and pencil for the recipes and 25 cents, which is the only expense attached to membership. A demonstrator will be present, Miss Anna Balnum of Maryville having been named for this class.

COAL MEN MUST GET LICENSE

Blanks Have Been Received by County Fuel Administrator J. J. Heifner—No Cost Attached

Blank applications for coal dealers who are required to secure licenses have been received by J. J. Heifner, county fuel administrator. "Every dealer in the county must have a license in order to continue his business," said Mr. Heifner, "otherwise they will not be able to secure coal from the mines."

The application costs nothing to secure. Persons who contemplate purchasing one car are not included and licenses will not be issued to them. The blanks are only for bona fide dealers who buy and sell regularly during the year.

The government is urging the early buying and storing of coal in an effort to prevent a serious coal shortage next winter, but coal men have some hesitation in stocking up this early in the season foreseeing considerable loss in the event buyers do not see fit to heed the advice of the fuel administration. Buyers, too, are not inclined to store much Missouri coal for the reason that it gives a large amount of waste after having been stored for several months.

John Niel of Hughes township was in Maryville yesterday.

Pat Lyons of Conception Junction

DESERTERS BACK TO CAMP

Two Nodaway County Soldiers Were Interested to Know How the Sheriff Managed to Locate Them

Sheriff John Dowden returned today from Camp Funston where he went to take back two deserters, Chas. Teeters of Parnell and Harry Kelly of Conception, who were located at Steenville, Nebr. Sheriff Dowden found the two soldiers without any trouble. They were at the home of a relative of one of the boys and said they intended to return to camp, having left to have a good time for a few weeks. They were much interested in learning how Sheriff Dowden had found out their whereabouts. As a matter of fact there was a woman in the case and it was through letters brought to the sheriff's attention that they were located.

Sheriff Dowden said it was one of the worst trips he has had since he has been sheriff. The boys were twenty-five miles from a railroad and the sheriff had to go through pouring rain to get them.

STEPHENS FOR U. S. SENATOR

Members of Columbia Bar and Commercial Club Ask His Endorsement for Sen. Stone's Place

In an effort to secure the appointment of E. W. Stephens of Columbia to succeed the late Senator Stone, a committee of Columbia citizens, composed of E. C. Anderson, J. P. McBain, J. T. Mitchell and Walter Williams, have sent the following telegram to well known Maryville men:

"The Boone county bar and the Commercial Club representing all political parties, adopted resolutions today unanimously favoring the appointment of E. W. Stephens for the United States senate. The undersigned committee of citizens respectfully urge that similar action be taken by the citizens of your city and resolutions forwarded to Governor Gardner. We also urge that you give publicity to the local and metropolitan papers of any action you may take."

It is learned that an effort will be made here and in other sections of this part of the state to secure endorsement for the Columbia man.

BIG CROWD PROMISED

Advance Sale of Tickets for Red Cross Benefit Picture Show Large

Several hundred seats have already been sold for the Red Cross benefit pictures to be shown at the Christian church tonight and a capacity crowd is assured for the two shows. There are two pictures, "The Retreat of the Huns From Arras," officially endorsed and released by the government, and "Mrs. Slacker," another good war picture. The committee in charge announce that the first show will start at 7:30 o'clock and the second about nine. Miss Doris Sayler and Miss Marie Price will furnish music for the pictures, both having donated their services.

THE WOUNDED ARE ARRIVING.

An Atlantic Port, April 18.—About two thousand American soldiers and sailors recovering from wounds and illness arrived here today. They will be sent to various hospitals for convalescense.

LINE HOLDS -HUNS DRIVE AT BETHUNE

A SWITCH IN GERMAN ASSAULT TO SOUTHERN END OF FLANDERS FRONT INDICATED

FRENCH TROOPS ARE ON FLANDERS FRONT

Expected That There Will Be a Stiffening of British Defense With Reinforcements On Hand—Earth Trembles as Battle Rages

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, April 18.—A switch in the German assaults to the southern end of the mighty Flanders battle zone was indicated by the growing intensity of the artillery fire in that sector. It is probable that the Germans are preparing for a drive against the British railhead position at Bethune in hope of widening their salient at the southern end as they did on the northern part.

There has been no overnight change in the battle positions of the armies although the British line for a short time was bent back at Kemmel ridge, a dominating position in Belgium. The German gain was short-lived, for the British delivered a strong counter attack which quickly restored the situation there.

It is now established that the Germans hold Meteren and Wytschaete, which have been so bravely and brilliantly defended by the British.

The steady stiffening of the British defense may be expected now that the French reinforcements have arrived on the Flanders front.

London, April 18.—The British lines in the gigantic battle of the Flanders are holding firm, the war office announced today. There has been no change in the situation. The German artillery was in action all night against the southern end of the British lines and the bombardments were especially severe between Givenchy and the sector east of Robecque. Never has the artillery fire reached such intensity as in this battle of Flanders. The same thing was said of the battle of Picardy plain, but it has been surpassed in the mighty engagement raging along the Franco-Belgian frontier. The earth rocks and trembles and the concussions are felt far behind the lines of the veritable earthquakes of noise and shocks. The official details of Wednesday's fighting dwelt upon the ferocity of the struggle and the great German losses.

Paris, April 18.—The infantry lull on the Picardy front continued today and elsewhere on the French front two thousand American soldiers and

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight and Friday, possibly showers; cooler tonight, with temperature near freezing.

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AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Notice to Members of Nodaway Co. Mutual Insurance Co.

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Common Cattle to be listed at $45
RegisteredCattle to be listed at$112

Members send policy to Secretary if you wish increase.

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BUYING LIBERTY BONDS.

(By the Country Contributor, writer, philosopher and member of The Ladies' Home Journal staff).

I have been thinking that perhaps the word "liberty" has been used by certain people in America with an unction not justified by the actual meaning of the word as applied to the people of a republic.

Have we thought that liberty means personal freedom to do as we like without reference to the welfare of our neighbor?

In my mind, the best definition of liberty, as applied to the people of a republic, means the opportunity to be working factors in the perpetuation of the government.

The best thing which I hope for from our participation in the world war is a fine accession of conscious responsibility among our citizenship.

The knowledge that our lives and our money are needed in the defense of liberty, meaning always that liberty which involves us in a responsibility especially dear to manhood and womanhood, brings a sweet new incentive to life.

The poor men of America are lifted to a new plane of self-respect by realizing that they may make loans to the government and the investment is protected from monopoly by the rich. It is in the rank and file of the citizenship of America that we need these reminders of our actual importance to our government. Everybody has a natural and a commendable desire to mean something definite to his fellowmen. The recognition of this desire is the groundwork of democracy. We cannot mean anything to our fellowmen unless we have the sterling qualities which are first inspired by a sense of personal responsibility. A new impetus is given to the thought of small savings by the prophecy so common on the lips of our best thinkers, that the war has brought us to a sudden realization of the actual essentials of life and the great thought that from this time on simple comforts will be better appreciated and simple character above par.

It is interesting to note the effect of the war upon children. Our sitting room where our two grandsons and their playmates have, maybe, too much freedom, is alternately a training camp, a munitions factory and a battlefield.

I came in from a walk the other evening and found a new order of things. The room had assumed the air of a more peaceful industry than usual. I soon perceived that it was a bank and that the business in hand was that of selling Liberty Bonds.

They were using some discarded checks I had given them to "play money" with for bonds and one of the boys was acting as "barker," urging the others to invest.

I heard him say, "Liberty bonds for sale! Come up, men, and help your country!"

Later I caught this: "Oh, loosen up, Bill—you can take more than one."

My little granddaughter, who is generally coldly excluded from their games, was allowed to take part in this civilians' proceedings.

Dressed up "like a lady" she appeared at the grating made out of the wire fire screen.

"Would you like to buy some bonds, madam?" asked the banker obsequiously.

"Yes," responded Miss Juliet impertantly, "I'll take ten cents worth."

I am sorry to record that little Juliet's efforts to mix with the aristocracy of Boyville generally end disastrously. This one was no exception. The financiers looked at each other in disgust, but John, whom I had told that Santa Claus would certainly get even with him unless he changed his ways toward Juliet, hastily interposed, "Oh, p'like she said $10."

The fact that these children have no special instruction regarding the call for Liberty Loans and Savings, but have merely picked it up from general conversation, shows that the spirit is "in the air" and that the call for the third Liberty Loan will meet with the proper response.

JULIET V. STRAUSS,
"The Country Contributor."

FACTS ARE FACTS.

Some Americans like to read every word of the war bulletins when they tell of Allied gains, but don't care much about reading any that tell of reverses. Why do some readers insist that only encouraging news be printed? Wouldn't it be disloyal for newspapers to print only the bright war news and thus lull the American people into sense of false security?

America has entered the war and today danger to France, England or Italy is danger to us. We win with them or we go down with them. The other countries have suffered everything while our resources, both in men and money, have scarcely been touched. Why should we demand that all unpleasant news be suppressed?

We are still supplying fighting men from our Class 1-A; England is calling all able-bodied men from 18 to 50. We don't like unpleasant news but we must have the facts. England gets the facts straight from Lloyd George. Americans will do well to read his address; he did not minimize the German menace.

Lloyd George spoke highly of America's assistance, but he spoke in plain language when he said the Allies had "looked forward to having a large American army in France in the spring," and that the failure was one of the most serious disappointments from which the Allies had suffered."

If you have been going around with your chest inflated and talking of America's great part in the war, read Lloyd George's speech. America is not loafing on her job, but facts are facts. If you haven't bought a Liberty Bond, get busy. Every time you read of discouraging war news, buy another Liberty Bond. When the Allied line is bending, put some more of your dollars behind that line and keep it from breaking. If it should break your dollars wouldn't be worth much.

WEAK KIDNEYS MEAN A WEAK BODY

When you're fifty, your body begins to creak a little at the hinges. Motion is more slow and deliberate. "No so young as I used to be" is a frequent and unwelcome thought. Certain bodily functions upon which good health and good spirits so much depend, are impaired. The weak spot is generally the bladder. Unpleasant symptoms show themselves. Painful and annoying complications in other organs arise. This is particularly true with elderly people. If you only know how, this trouble can be obviated.

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GERMAN MENACE IN MEXICO

Serious Trouble May Be Expected From That Quarter Within Next Six Months Says a Carranza Agent

Seattle, Wash., April 18.—Germans in Mexico are a constant menace to the United States and serious trouble may be expected from that quarter within the next six months, according to C. R. Morgan of Mexico City, who is here as the personal representative of President Carranza. Morgan is making a tour of the northwest looking after oil contracts and making arrangements for transportation of oil.

"There are 10,000 Germans in Mexico City," said Morgan, "and thousands more throughout the country. Since the United States entered the war they have used every means of intrigue and propaganda to persuade the Carranza government to attack the United States.

"Failing to use Carranza as a tool against the United States the Germans now are flocking to Villa and they will find him willing to accept their support. Villa's hatred of the United States is intense and he will welcome a chance to strike a blow at the 'gringo' while Uncle Sam is engaged in war abroad.

"I met Villa a few weeks ago in his stronghold at Torreon and in spite of the many reports to the contrary, the outlaw leader still has two good legs."

WILSON IN "NO MAN'S LAND"

Was First Visited by the President When He Was a Little Boy

Clearfield, Pa., April 18.—"No Man's Land" is not new to President Wilson. He first became acquainted with that kind of a place during the Civil War, according to Squire Cyrus Woods of Grampian, a veteran of that place.

With the troops of which the squire was a part occupied the Shenandoah valley his regiment was stationed near Staunton, Va. There was a section of land in that immediate territory which was occupied one day by the Union soldiers and the next by the Confederates. While this seesawing continued the soldiers became acquainted with the natives. Boys visited the camps and among them was one bright little fellow. His father was a minister and the boy took great pride in that. When asked his name he said it was Woodrow Wilson.

"If you come to pop's church," he said to Mr. Woods and his comrades one day, "our soldiers will not hurt you."

That little booster was none other than the present president of the United States.

MAKES PEANUT FLOUR BREAD

A Southern Firm Has Put a New Loaf On the Market

Washington, April 18.—Peanut flour bread has been put on the market in wide distribution by a baking company in Gainesville, Fla., working in cooperation with B. F. Williamson, a chemist of that city, the food administration reports.

The peanut flour used is made from peanut cake left after oil extraction. It is said to contain a satisfactory percentage of fat and to have almost twice the nitrogenous food value of dried beef in the ratio of 44 to 25.

The loaf is made of one-fifth peanut flour to four-fifths wheat flour, which produces a balanced ration, supplying both meat and bread ingredients.

Peanut flour is said to be readily digestible, wholesome and palatable, and the Florida company expects to be able to market it at a price below that of wheat flour.

LOST—Auto license No. 124531 on road from Orrsburg to Maryville. Leave at this office or give to J. D. Ford. 18-20*

After trying it for a week Manager Ulmer of the Hopkins moving picture theatre finds that eight o'clock is too early yfor the first show and announces performances will start hereafter at 8:30 o'clock.

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Judge John M. Dawson of Maryville talked in Pickering last Friday night for Liberty Bonds. He is a very convincing as well as an entertaining talker and this community is always glad to have him visit us. We thought thought the district would never have another circuit judge equal to Judge W. C. Ellison, but John is coming up to the mark very nicely.—Pickering News in Hopkins Journal.

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Maryville District
NEWS NOTES

J. M. HUSTON
(District Agriculture Agent)

With the establishment of two seed corn testing stations in Atchison county and one in Worth county, all running at full capacity, there is every reason to assume that most of the seed corn of Northwest Missouri will be tested before planting time. A station was installed at Rock Port last Thursday, one at Fairfax on Friday, and one at Grant City on Saturday.

The Maryville station, which tested 94 bushels in one day, has enough corn in sight to keep the force of helpers busy running 25 bushels each afternoon to keep up. Everyone is putting forth the greatest effort to assure 100 per cent corn for all corn growers in the Maryville district.

Every one is awake to the fact that the corn must be tested this year to insure a stand. Insurance of this sort may be obtained for ten cents an acre, considering the cost of testing at one-half cent an ear and of hauling the corn to the station.

There will be danger of planting too thick this year. The best grade of seed corn will yield about four bushels per acre when planted at the rate of three kernels to the hill than poor seed corn when planted at the rate of six kernels to the hill.

It takes two bushels of poor seed corn to plant the same acreage that one bushel of good seed corn will plant. Good seed corn is actually worth $26.50 per bushel as compared with poor seed corn at $2.50. By good seed corn practically germination 100 per cent is meant and by poor seed corn that which germinates only 50 per cent.

District Seed Stocks Bureau.

Those needing seed corn or those having seed corn for sale are requested to communicate with the district agent in the effort to get every one supplied with seed corn. There will be a great demand for seed corn should any great amount of replanting have to be done. Send in a list of the varieties, amount, germination per cent and price of seed corn on hand or of seed corn needed for planting.

Sale of Beans.

We are informed by the United States food administration office at Washington that the quartermasters at the various military camps are now buying navy beans direct. All, therefore, offering beans for sale should communicate with the U. S. Army Quartermaster, U. S. Army, 607 New England Building, Kansas City, Mo.

Spraying Time at Hand.

In the spray schedule for apples the first summer spray of lime sulphur concentrate (1½ gallons in 50 gallons of water) and 1 pound of powdered arsenate of lead in every 50 gallons of water (or 2 pounds of paste forum) is used just before the blossoms open.

This spray is for tent caterpillars, canker worms, plum curculio and scab. If aphids are troublesome some add nicotine sulphate (½ pint of 40 per cent nicotine sulphate to every 50 gallons).

This spray comes when the buds are just showing pink.

THE IDEAL WIFE.

One of the most successful men of this country recently wrote: "Whatever I am, and whatever success I have attained, I owe it all to my wife. She has ever been an inspiration and the greatest helpmate of my life." To be such a successful wife should be the ambition of every woman, but how impossible when dragged down by headaches, backache, dragging down pains, nervousness and "the blues." Every woman in this condition should start at once to build up her system by a tonic of specific powers, such as Lydia E Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which for three generations has been restoring American women to health and consequent happiness.

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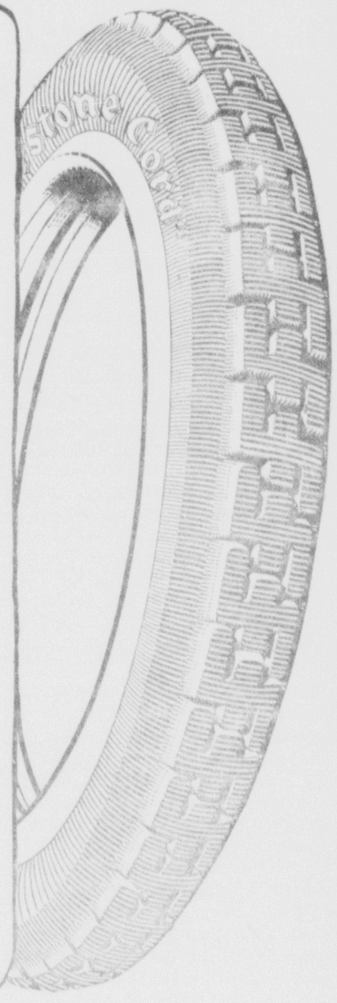

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KANSAS CITY STOCK LETTER

Kansas City Stock Yards, April 17.—Western supplies of cattle combined increased 10,000 over last Monday and 12,000 over a year ago. Hogs and sheep decreased. Here 12,000 cattle, 11,000 hogs and 4,300 sheep, slightly less in all branches compared with a week ago. Cattle prices ruled strong, 10 to 25 cents higher, with new record tops; sheep advanced 15 to 25 cents with fed and spring lambs at $21; while hogs reacted steady to 10 cents lower than Saturday's close.

Beef Cattle.—Regardless of the general prediction of decreasing supplies, local receipts of fat cattle held up remarkably well and trade was active at strong 10 to 15 cents higher and in extreme cases fully 25 cents up. Horned natives sold at $16.60, only 40 cents under previous record top, and many pulpers above $15.75 and up to $16.40; lowest plain lightweights at $14.75. Big string at $15.50. Last week same cattle $14.60. Butcher grades sold quickly, strong to 15 cents higher; mixed $14.15; heifers $13.50; Arizona cows $7.75 to $10.25; calves $8.75 to $12; bulls $9.25.

Stockers and Feeders.—Light run, better feeling in early competition. Feeders scarce, unevenly higher, up to $13.25. Stockers ranged up to $13.10 and all kinds firmer than the close last week. Stock cows and heifers scarce and firm. Breeding heifers up to $11.75. Stock calves in stronger request; weighty Panhandles $11.50 to $12.50.

Hogs.—A loss of 10,000 in the west as compared with last Monday, but a gain of 36,000 over a year ago. Here 11,000 against 14,000 a week ago. Trade generally opened 5 to 10 cents lower; heavies slow and mostly 10 cents off, closed steady to 10 cents lower. Pigs active, 25 cents higher. Butchers and lights favored; top $17.65; bulk $17.35 to $17.55 against $17.15 top and $16.75 to $17.10 bulk last Monday. Late clearance good at decline.

Sheep.—Western supplies normal, though 8,000 less than a year ago. Local supply 1,500 under last Monday, with 4,300. Quality good. Fat sheep and goats scarce and firmer. Lambs 15 to 25 cents higher. Texas spring lambs and Colorado fed at $21, highest price of the year. Feeders scarce and in strong request.

J. A. RICKART,
Market Correspondent.

HOW MANY MEN DOES IT TAKE?

Keep This If You Want to Remember How Many Are In Each Regular Army Unit

When some chaps are sitting around assuming to tell everyone what they know, as to what numbers constitute certain divisions of our army, remove your hat and then read the following to him:

An army corps is 60,000 men.
An infantry division is 19,000 men.
An infantry brigade is 7,000 men.
A regiment of infantry is 3,000 men.
A battalion is 1,000 men.
A company is 250 men.
A platoon is 60 men.
A corporal's squad is 11 men.
A field artillery brigade comprises 1,300 men.
A field battery has 195 men.
A firing squad is 20 men.
A supply train has 283 men.
A machine gun battalion has 296 men.
An engineers' regiment has 1,098 men.
An ambulance company has 66 men.
A field hospital has 55 men.
A medicine attachment has 13 men.
A major general heads the field army and also each army corps.
A brigadier general heads each infantry brigade.
A colonel heads each regiment.
A lieutenant colonel is next in rank below a colonel.
A major heads a battalion.
A captain heads a company.
A lieutenant heads a platoon.
A sergeant is next below a lieutenant.
A corporal is a squad officer.

MA GETS MARRIED SO SON CAN LICK KAISER

Kansas City, April 18.—"Ma, why don't you and Henry get married so I can help lick the kaiser?"

This question, put to a mother by her strapping son, her only support, caused the woman to say "yes" when Henry asked her the momentous question for the "steenth" time. And the son is now in the army.

The woman who told the story appeared at the license bureau here with her intended. She told the clerk this story:

"Im going to get married again so my son can go to war. After his father died he has helped me all he possibly could. He is so anxious to get into the aviation service, but he thought I needed his help. Henry, here, has been hanging around a long time, asking me to marry him.

"Of course, it isn't all on account of the boy—you see, I really like Henry a lot."

LABOR SHORTAGE MAY CAUSE SALMON FAMINE

Astoria, Ore., April 18.—Some of the salmon canneries on the lower Columbia will have to close down next year if a report made to the industrial and commercial survey class of the University of Oregon is correct. University students have been looking over the situation and they figure that the labor shortage will be so acute next season that the canneries will not be able to hire enough hands.

During the past season some of the canneries had to pay as much as sixty cents an hour to their hands, with double time for overtime. Payrolls at some of the larger canneries ran from one to three million dollars for the season.

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NO TAX REPORT YET

HACKMANN'S RESOLUTION FAILED TO MAKE IMPRESSION

SHOWS TIME LIMIT RULE

Equalization Board Will Probably Make Report at Next Meeting Greatly Reducing Valuations

Jefferson City, April 18.—State Auditor George Hackmann tried to start something at a meeting of the state board of equalization by offering a resolution that the "board proceed to classify and equalize the real estate and personal property of the state among the several counties in accordance with law so that each class of property ,real or personal, of each county, be valued for assessment at its real and true value in money as required by section 11,412, revised statutes."

Hackmann said the valuation of each county should have been certified out and in the hands of the local officials the first Monday in April. He said that from personal experience he knew this custom had been observed for the last fourteen years.

Treasurer Middelkamp said the report of the tax commission was not made to the board until March 28 and it would have been impossible to certify the assessments out to the various counties by the first Monday in April.

Auditor Hackmann declared he was willing to take up the report of the tax commission at once. He said he had information that Chairman Roach had written a letter to the county clerk of Mercer county stating in effect that the commission was ready to report to the board March 20.

Secretary Sullivan said that the board had been ready to receive the report at any time from March 23, but it was not forthcoming until on March 28.

It was finally agreed to withhold the resolution until the next meeting of the board, probably tomorrow morning, as most of the state officials will attend the funeral of the late Senator Stone this evening at Nevada.

By tomorrow, it is expected the attorney general, state treasurer and secretary of state will be ready to make their report greatly reducing the valuations of the tax commission

REPORT MORE NAMES

(Continued from page 1.)

Roy Edward Cook, I-1.
John Stanislas Thomas, I-1.
Elmer Newton Bailey, I-1.
Clarence Huff, I-1.
David Henry Williams, I-1.
Jesse Onstot, I-1.
Clyde Wm. Hoshor, C-2.
Preston Valentine Hart, I-1.
Earl L. Bearce, C-2.
Wm. Walter Kelley, I-1.
Wm. R. Medsker, J-3.
John R. Yates, J-3.
Roy Ellis Wilson, C-4.
Jesse James Coulter, J-3.
Orval Marcus Anderson, C-2.
Gilbert Milo Gray, C-2.
Harvey L. Thompson, J-3.
Arlee Harold Williamson, I-1.
Harry Howard Epperson, J-3.
Christilan A. Malam, I-1.
Arthur Henry Moore, I-1.
Vallie Roscoe Dukes, J-3.
Wm. R. Wells, J-3.
Verne Chas. Henson, J-3.
Wm. Duncan Williams, I-1.
Ahl Francis Hyde, D-2.
Everett Franklin Davis, C-2.

Marriage Licenses.

The following were issued a marriage license today:

Fay E. Carmichael and Atha May Shelman, both of Parnell.

Of course, you could fill this space and not have half the "rot" that is found in it today. Take twenty minutes time and try it.

A RURAL TRACK MEET

SIX SCHOOLS REPRESENTED IN EVENTS AT BLOOMDALE

HAD BIG BASKET DINNER

One Hundred and Fifty Patrons and Visitors Attend Closing Exercises Yesterday Afternoon

A basket dinner, track meet, basket ball game and program were the main features of the closing of the Bloomdale school, ten miles northeast of Maryville, yesterday. Miss Essie Ward teacher, has been very successful in her efforts during the school year.

About 150 patrons and visitors gathered at the school house to witness the track events and ball game, and to participate in the basket dinner, which was spread on long tables in the school yard. The morning was devoted to a flower hunt in nearby fields and timbers. After dinner were the various races, in which six other schools were represented. The basket ball game between Bloomdale and Mowery schools proved to be an exciting game, and resulted in a score of 14 to 9 in favor of Bloomdale.

A short program, during which the members of the Willing Workers Club presented Miss Ward with a number of handkerchiefs in appreciation of her work in that community, closed the day's entertainment.

The boys of the Bloomdale school will enter in the rural track meet at Maryville, Saturday, April 20.

Following were the winners in the various events:

100 yard dash — Class A, Harold Byerrum.
50 yard dash—Class B, Donald Aley.
25 yard dash—Girls,' Frankey Sharr.
50 yard dash—Class C, Earl Sharr.
Hoop Rolling—Girls,' Lois Harvey.
Hoop Rolling—Boys,' Harold Hinton.
Running Broad Jump—Class A, Geo. Aley. 13 feet, 3 inches.
Running Broad Jump—Class B, Donald Aley. 10 feet, 3 inches.
Sack Race—Class A, Harold Byerrum.
High Jump—Class C, Orve McGinnis.
High Jump—Class B, Harold Harvey. 3 feet, 6 inches.
High Jump—Class A, Glenn Hornbuckle. 4 feet, 5 inches.
100 yard dash (men)—Ira Sharr.
Pole Vault—Class A, George Aley. 6 feet, 6 inches.
Relay Race—Team, George Aley, Earl Gorton.
Potato Race—(Girls), Lois Harvey.
Three-Legged Race—(Team), George Aley, Earl Gorton.
Egg Race—(Girls), Gracie Sharr.

News at Clearmont.

W. J. Linebaugh and Dana Pruitt went to St. Joseph Friday to purchase material for the water system Mr. Linebaugh is installing in his home.

Steve Brown and family of Clarinda visited Grandma Frymire on Friday.

Mrs. J. T. Smith left Friday for Eureka Springs, Ark., for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. A. R. Garrett. Her son, Ned, accompanied her as far as Kansas City.

Mrs. Mary Laughlin, an old resident of Clearmont, died suddenly at her home here Friday of heart disease. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday conducted by Rev. Watts of Hopkins and Rev. Welton of Skidmore. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery.

Eb Delong of Brush, Colorado, arrived Monday for a few days visit with friends and relatives.

Elmer Gutting of Kansas City visited at the Caldwell home Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. H. S. Dowell received a telegram Monday from Washington, D. C., to hold himself in readiness for call to service, but did not state where he was to go, but he thinks probably to Fort Riley. This will leave Clearmont without a doctor and it would be a splendid location for a good man.

Miss Ethel Stewart, who has been visiting her brother, Ross, returned to her home at Ridgeway, Mo., Tuesday.

HEARS OF BROTHER'S DEATH

Wm. A. Barton, Who Died at Baltimore Will Be Buried at St. Joseph, Mo.

Herman G. Barton received word today of the death of his brother, William A. Barton, at Baltimore, Md., yesterday. The body will be taken to St. Joseph, Mo., for burial. Three brothers and two sisters survive. Besides Mr. Barton of this city, they are Henry Barton, Falls City, Mont.; Ed Barton, in Montana; Mrs. Henry Berns, Littledale, Ia.; and Mrs. August Schnaitman, St. Joseph.

Ralph Rhoades of Kansas City visited in Maryville yesterday with friends.

CLASS GRADUATE PROGRAM

Pickering High School Class Exercises Will Be Held at the Christian Church, Friday, April 19

The graduating exercises of the Pickering high school class will be held at the Pickering Christian church Friday night, April 19, with the following program.

March—Jessie Clayton.
Invocation—Rev. S. C. Dayhoff.
Vocal Duet—Christal Everhart and Mrs. Stafford.
Class Address—Prof. H. A. Foster.
Instrumental Duet—Mrs. Null and Mrs. Fakes.
Presentation of diplomas by the president of the school board.
Invocation—Rev. Alsup.

The members of the graduating class are: Harold McClurg and Helen Garten.

Presents Play at Braddyville.

The senior class of the Elmo high school presented their class play, "The Valley Farm," at Braddyville, Ia., last night. A large and appreciative audience attended the play. The money taken in amounted to $61.90.

Breaks Arm Riding Cow.

Keron, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coulter of Bedison, suffered a broken arm last night when he attempted to ride a cow. The child was brought to Maryville and the broken bone was set. He is improved today.

Townsend's

North Side Cash Grocers.

Price List for

Friday

Best hams, per lb. Whole or half.	30c
Bedford creamery butter, 2 lbs.	85c
No. 1 size cove oysters, 2 cans	25c
Qt. cans Larsen's beets	15c
Gal. cans crushed pineapple	85c
Hershey's bulk cocoa, lb.	25c
White fish, best quality, per lb.	20c
Wheat Flakes (Alber's Calif.) pkg	20c
Gallon pails pure sorghum	90c
Large white potatoes, pk 25c; bu.	95c
Ripe bananas, dozen	25c
Large bulk olives, pint	20c
No. 1 cans asparagus	15c
No. 1 tall cans medium red salmon	22c
Baker's grated cocoanut in milk, per can	10c
Armour's soups, small cans	5c
Eagle milk, can	20c
Fine rhubarb, bunch	5c
Grape fruit, 2 for	15c
Morrell's sliced bacon, 1 lb boxes	50c
Shredded wheat biscuit, pkg	12c
Puffed rice, corn or wheat, pkg.	12c
1lb cans Rumford's baking powder	21c
1lb cans Crystal baking powder	6c
Pure leaf lard, 1lb cartons	33c
Small cans baked beans	10c
Qt. cans pumpkin or hominy	10c
Matches, large zox (500 count)	5c
Carton of 12 boxes	55c
25c sacks fine table salt	19c
Toilet paper (large 6 oz. rolls) 6 for	25c
Tan or black shoe blacking, 10c boxes for	5c
White Borax Naptha Soap (limited lots) per bar	4½c

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One can each corn and tomatoes for	20c
Troco in Friday's sale at, lb	31c
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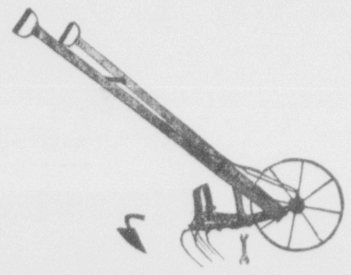
THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS LAYING MUCH STRESS ON THE NECESSITY FOR GARDENS THIS YEAR. The food supply of the nation is liable to be inadequate to the demands, and as a measure of preparedness and food conservation the government is asking us all to raise as much of our own food as possible.

GOOD GARDEN TOOLS ARE A NECESSITY in the raising of a good garden. You will want large, strong rakes, hoes, spading forks, shovels, etc., and most of all—don't try to get along without a hand cultivator.

You will be able to accomplish just about twice



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Soldier's Letters

READY FOR OVERSEAS DUTY

Private Forrest A. Woodard, With Aviation Corps, Writes From Texas

The following letter from Forrest A. Woodard to James Todd tells of life in an aviation camp:

351 Aero Squadron.
Aviation Camp, Waco, Tex.,
April 15, 1918.

Dear Friend Jim:

I will write you a few lines to tell you a little about army life in the aviation corps. I am now stationed at the aviation camp at Waco, Texas, having come here from Kelley Field, South San Antonio, Texas. I have been at this camp since the 23rd of last month. I like it pretty good although I would rather be in France.

I am in an overseas squadron and we are all equipped for overseas duty. We have had our dress shoes taken from us and were given two pairs of trench shoes each. We call them hobnails because they have nails in the soles so they will last longer. They also have iron plates on the heels. We have our belts, packs and o. p. (heavy) clothing. We are having fine eats now and getting good treatment.

There are 150 aviation men in our squadron and four medical corps men. We get off duty at retreat each day, all day on Sunday and holidays, and at 12 m. Saturdays. We have to go back to camp and have the lights out at 12 p. m. We have electric lights and board floors in our tents. There are six men to each tent.

I don't know when we will leave here, but I hope it won't be long, for I don't like this hot country. Well, as it is about time for mail to be gathered, I will close.

Your friend,
Pvt. Forrest A. Woodard.
351 Aero Squadron,
Aviation Camp, Waco, Texas.

Mrs. P. J. Tobin went to St. Joseph yesterday to visit Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Sherlock.

HARMONY CLASS EXERCISES

Second Class to Graduate From High School Will Have Program at the Church Next Tuesday Night

Six girls and two boys will be awarded diplomas at the second annual commencement exercises to be held next Tuesday night at the Harmony high school eleven miles northeast of Maryville. They are Misses Leta Belle Gantz, Mary Elizabeth Lewis, Charlotte M. Green, Gladys Charlotte Lawson, Mary Catherine Marshall, and Wilbur M. Cox and George B. Lewis.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given Sunday night at the Harmony church by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Green, and the class play, "Somewhere In France," will be given tonight.

Mrs. Nettie Stewart is the teacher of this school, which is the only rural high school in Nodaway county.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is a list of the letters remaining unclaimed in the Maryville Mo., postoffice for the week ending Wednesday, April 17, 1918.

Men

Butler, Milton
Curry, J. W.
Hewitt, Chas. C.
Holaday, Thomas
Houghtelling, Perry
King, O. J.
Smith, Guy

Women.

Blackmore, Miss Laura
Boner, Mrs. C. C.
Edmonston, Miss Sylvia
Jones, Mrs. Mae
Lane, Mrs. E. K.
Morris, Fimmie
Temple, Mrs. Anna

Persons calling for the above named letters will please say "advertised."

Respectfully,
JAMES TODD, Postmaster.

We're Backing the Deacon.

The Journal family is installed in the Baptist parsonage to remain until the new home is completed that we will soon have under construction on the half block being dispossessed of the two houses on it. So far we have not been called upon to officiate at any weddings or to go out and fill a country appointment, and when a call comes will do our best, and if it happens to be to say "the last words" over some delinquent subscriber we advise those near and dear to keep out of hearing distance, for we are cocked and primed and itching for a chance to try our marksmanship at a case of this kind. We will send them straight to—where they belong.—Hopkins Journal.

Dr. James Felix went to St. Joseph yesterday on business.

Sixteen is a most interesting age—but each year marks a change that should be recorded by a new Portrait.

MAKE THE APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Marcell Studio

REAL VALUES
Friday and Saturday

Ladies' black hose, worth 25c a pair at HALF PRICE.
Ladies' fine black mercerized hose, 35c values for.....24c
Men's Rockford socks, 18c values for.....12½c
Misses' black ribbed hose, a fine light weight for spring and summer wear—our 35c values for 23c, sizes 7 to 9½.
Ladies' summer weight gauze vests for 15c—a regular 25c value.
Ladies' out size gauze vest for 18c—a regular 25c value.
Ladies' 50c summer weight union suits for.....35c
Bungalow aprons, dark colors, regular 98c values for.....69c
Ladies' fine quality light weight sateen petticoats, our $1.50 values for.....$1.19
Turkish wash cloths, worth 10c each for, dozen.....59c
10c cake Cocoa Oil soap for.....5c
10c cake Butter Milk soap for.....5c
10c can talcum powder for.....5c
We were able to pick up a few dozen ladies' fine quality handkerchiefs that would regularly sell for 10c. We bought these so we could sell for 5c each. A big bargain. We only have a few dozen.
Table damask that is half linen for, yard.....69c
Don't you think this very cheap for half linen damask?
9-4 unbleached pepperel sheeting, a yard.....52c
Fine quality black sateen, our regular 40c grade for.....29c
35c fine quality dress ginghams for, a yard.....25c
Union toweling crash—that means half linen, 25c value for.....18c
Fine quality dress ginghams, a big selection of our 30c values for 22c
32 inch French ginghams, a regular 40c value for.....29c
35c shirtings for.....29c

TOWELS GREATLY REDUCED—
Huck towels, 25c value for.....18c
Huck towels, 35c value for.....24c
50c Turkish towels for.....38c
35c Turkish towels for.....24c
25c Turkish towels for.....18c

D.R. Eversole and Son

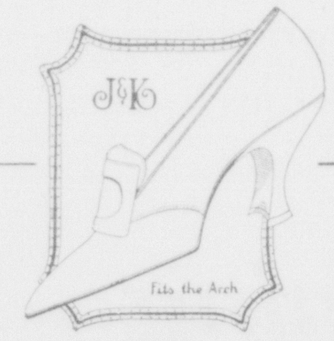
STEAL U-BOAT AND ESCAPE

Interned German Prisoners at Frisco Kill Guard of Dutch Submarine and Make Their Getaway

San Francisco, April 18. — How the crew of an interned German ship at Java captured a Dutch submarine and escaped from the port with it was told by Fritz von Ebelshon, a Dutch citizen here.

The submarine had just returned to Java after a six months cruise and all of the crew except an anchor watch were being entertained at a banquet on shore when the Germans stealthily leaving the interned German ship Graf von Luttwitz in a row boat, made their way to the side of the submarine and boarded her, taking the anchor watch by surprise.

One of the Dutch sailors was killed and the others were held prisoner, while the Germans manned the submarine and escaped. Von Ebelshon declared the censorship had been very strict and he did not know whether or not pursuing vessels ever recaptured the diver.



This stunningly styled colonial in black kid or patent leather—most beautiful for dress wear.

Colonials will be among the favored styles with smartly dressed women and you will find this clever creation your ideal shoe for spring and summer.

Made with slender toe, Louis heel, light, pliable sole—softest kids and patent leathers.

Oxfords Colonials and Pumps

in daring styles, are the distinguishing features of

J & K FOOTWEAR FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Their superior styles are surcharged with a characteristic touch that sets them off completely from the ordinary shoe.

They fit the arch perfectly—which means a perfect fitting for the entire foot.

We would appreciate an opportunity to show you our many pretty styles.

Montgomery
Shoe Company

An April Fool Calf.

Ed Clutter, the young and prosperous farmer of the Clearmont vicinity, has some good stock on his farm, among the number being what he calls an "April Fool Calf," this calf arriving on the first day of the month and is normal in every way with the exception of being minus a tail, an important feature especially in fly time, so Ed thinks it is yet to be decided who the joke is on, the owner or the calf. This is no "bobbed-tail" affair, the calf having no more sign of a tail than a rabbit and is certainly quite a curiosity. Ed expects to blanket the calf when the flies come, as well as applying an anti-fly preparation, and when it gets to be a fat yearling will let it go for a baby beef unless someone wants to buy it as a side show attraction.—Hopkins Journal.

COLORADO NOW "BONE DRY" SAYS W. DILLON

Chicago, April 18.—Prohibition actually does prohibit and dry states are far more prosperous that wet states.

This was the message delivered to the Irish Fellowship Club here by William Dillon of Colorado, brother of John Dillon, new leader of the Irish Nationalist party.

Mr. Dillon said Colorado business men never would allow the state to go wet again.

"I advise the liquor interests everywhere to fight against woman's suffrage, for the women will put booze out of business eventually," he declared.

A man has a larger vocabulary than a woman, according to a Chicago scientist. Maybe so, professor. But a woman can make hers go twice as far as a man can.

U. S. AVIATORS STARTLE THRONGS AT WASHINGTON

Washington, April 18. — American aviators, flying over Washington in recent weeks, have amazed spectators by their daring. British and Italian aviators up to that time had given the city so many thrills that it was thought the limit had been reached. The American flyers, however, have performed all the stunts of the foreigners and have added more. One of them, from a height of several thousand feet over the White House, did the loop, the spiral loop and the nose dive in such rapid succession that pedestrians on the streets below gasped.

"13" PLAYS IMPORTANT PART

Unlucky Number Has a Place In Acts of the President

Washington, April 18.—Another reason has been discovered for the eerie air of mystery that always cloaks the number 13.

In the latest report of the attorney general concerning pardons granted federal prisoners by the president the fateful figures predominate. For instance, 94 persons were granted permission upon serving their sentences to enjoy civil rights again. The combination of nine and four makes 13. The president also restored the rights of citizenship to 13 deserters from the army and navy. The total number of pardon applications granted by him was 328, and these numbers if taken separately and added combine into the old and gloomy 13.

Now then, if one still has doubts concerning the fatalistic features of the number it might be added that the president denied 31 applications. Reverse that—and what have you?

Home From Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Young and daughter, Miss Ruth, who have been spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., returned yesterday to their home in Maryville.

When Itching Stops

There is one safe, dependable treatment that relieves itching torture and skin irritation almost instantly and that cleanses and soothes the skin.

Ask any druggist for a 35c or $1 bottle of zemo and apply it as directed. Soon you will find that irritations, pimples, blackheads, eczema, blotches, ringworm and similar skin troubles will disappear.

A little zemo, the penetrating, satisfying liquid, is all that is needed, for it banishes most skin eruptions and makes the skin soft, smooth and healthy.

The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

IS THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Absolute Safety and a Good Interest Rate Is What You Get When You Buy Liberty Bonds

(By Booth Tarkington, creator of that real boy, "Penrod," and many other famous fiction characters).

When we intrust our savings to a bank we like to know that it's a sound bank. We feel safe then to leave our money in charge of that bank and its officers. They will use it in various ways which seem good to them, but we will get it all back if the bank is sound. Yet no bank in the United States of America can be as sound as the United States itself. Therefore, when the United States government turns banker, the safest place for our money to be put is in the hands of this government. Anybody can see that, without bothering to look twice, Uncle Sam himself will take care of our money, and we'll get it back. We know that. His word is so good that we can get the money back whenever we need it, because his bonds will sell, any time, for just about what we pay for them. A few years hence, of course, they will sell for more than we pay for them.

During the time that we leave our money with Uncle Sam — what we call the Liberty Loan—he pays us interest. Well, I've had a higher per cent that he pays—not for a loan, because I had to pay taxes that reduced the per cent to 3½—but on investments. Once I made an investment that paid 19 per cent, but it only paid it once, and then the fellow who talked me into it left town without telling anybody goodbye. I've found, since then and I can't get much better than Uncle Sam's rate in the long run. When I think I can, usually the factory has to have new boilers after my first dividend comes in, or the ore "isn't quite the quality we had reason to expect," and I begin the long squirm to get out with something reasonably near what I put in. No; nowadays I think the government rate is about all I'm going to get from any investment which I place with regard to the investment's margin of safety. Therefore, I get all I can of Uncle Sam's Liberty Bonds because they are today, of all the possible investments in the whole world, absolutely the safest. Nobody except Uncle Sam will or can give us his rate and the same absolute certainty that we'll get our interest paid promptly and the principal when it is due.

That's the selfish side of it; we can't do better with the money for our selfish selves. The other side of it is that Uncle Sam uses the money for our own boys in France and our boys on the seas—our boys whose hard and terrible daily work is done so gaily; and death always with them—dropping from the air above them, ready to strike up at them from the ground, or from the water, beneath them. They bear this for us that our ideal of freedom may not be lost forever and that we shall not become the Prussian's servant. A good interest rate and safety for the money, and safety for our ideals and for our liberty—that's what we get when we invest in the Liberty Loan!

Alderman-Yehle Dry Goods Co.
WEST THIRD STREET, MARYVILLE, MO.

Coats and Suits
for Your Summer Wardrobe

IT is more than simply fashionable to have a trim light-weight coat and sport suit for summer. It is the most practical thing to do.

You know how many purposes coats and suits can serve—how they save other clothes—how happy you can be all summer without extravagance.

But much depends on the worth of the coat and suit you buy. You must be your own judge of values.

We can point out two things to help you; the first is the reputation of our store for fair dealing; the second is the Standard Labels which you will learn from experience is the best possible guarantee of Metropolitan style and expert tailoring in coats and suits.

We are now displaying the latest outdoor models in Coats and Suits for Young Women.

Tailored Suits at, each—
$19.50 to $42.50.

Spring and Summer Coats—
$12.00 to $32.50

Society and Clubland

By MISS LUTA MOODY
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Line Party.

Miss Marie Reuillard will entertain a party of her friends at a line party tonight at the Empire theatre in honor of her guest, Mrs. Leland Andrews of St. Joseph. Following the picture show a luncheon will be served at Reuillard's.

M. D. U. Club Meets.

Mrs. George Swaney entertained the Mothers and Daughters Utility Club Wednesday afternoon, April 17. The afternoon was spent making a quilt top. A short musical program was given. The next meeting will be held at the Xenia school house, and the election of officers will take place. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess to the following guests: Mrs. G. B. McArthur, Mrs. Delbert Hyde, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. F. C. VanVelson, Mrs. John Godsey, Mrs. Alex Swaney, Mrs. C. E. Coleman and Esther and Elva Swaney.

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Mrs. Baker Hostess.

Mrs. D. R. Baker entertained the members of the Penelope Club yesterday afternoon at her home on West Third street. The afternoon was spent in Red Cross work. Light refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Helen. Sixteen members were present.

The Penelope auxiliary will meet from now on at Red Cross headquarters on West Third street every first and third Wednesday of each month. There will be a social meeting once each month at the home of a member.

Made 300 Gauze Wipes.

The Victory auxiliary of the Red Cross met yesterday at the Wilcox school near Ravenwood with twelve members present. During the afternoon 300 4x4 gauze wipes were made. Those present were: Mrs. Willis Wilcox, Mrs. Darnel Wilcox, Mrs. Lawrence Wilcox, Mrs. Henrietta Orr, Mrs. Henry Messbarger, Mrs. Rube Swain, Mrs. W. T. Jackson, Mrs. Elmer McKee, Mrs. Clem Castor, Mrs. Harry Martin, Miss Edna Willis and Miss Dot Heflin.

YOU CAN'T REFUSE.

By Strickland Gillilan the man who wrote of "Off Agin,' On Agin,' Gone Agin,' Finnigan."

The Sammy came in from the trench, and says he:
"There's too many calls on the courage of me.
I answered the call when they asked me to come
To fight that my countrymen might have a home.
I've fought ever since we've been quartered in France;
I've gone every time I was told to advance.
This order you give, to go over the top
Today is too much—I am going to stop.
There's a limit to what I can rightly afford
To give to my country with cheerful accord."
The officer's eyes stuck a foot from his face
To hear this subaltern who courted disgrace.
And the private was sent where all mutineers go
To be shot the next sunrise—he hadn't a show.
I think that with me you will promptly agree
That a firing squad's right for such quitters as he.
But hasn't he just as much right to declare
His whole duty done and his job to forswear
As you in your home that he fights to protect,
When you're told that there still is some coin to collect?
He's sworn to obey every call that is given;
To risk his existence without being driven.
You, safe here at home, take advantage of this,
And claim no disgrace when a duty you miss.
You seem to believe you've a right to refuse
To lend of your hoard for the Allies to use
In saving your land and the land of all others
Who claim human rights for themselves and their brothers.
You have no such right! In stern duty you're bound
To GIVE while a coin in your coffers is found.

The Alanthus auxiliary of the Red Cross gave a home talent play at Ravenwood last night. The play, "All a Mistake," proved to be very interesting, and was well attended.

Fresh Cut
Flowers

IN APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY OCCASION.

Lilies, Roses, Carnations, Snapdragons, Narcissus Tulips, Sweet Peas, etc.

The Engelmann Greenhouses
Phones 17. 1001 So. Main

"Keep the Home Fires Burning"

Tonight there will be American boys in lonely listening posts far out in the desolation of No Man's Land, American boys in the darkness and the mud and cold of the trenches under the ceaseless thunder of guns and the scream of shells, American boys tramping along the pitch-black, shell-torn roads. Through the long, dreary hours, as they wait and watch in the dark, while dangers lurk on every hand, their thoughts turn to the homes they have left behind, homes on distant farms, in scattered villages, in great cities, and they see in imagination the pleasant home lights shining out into the night.

They Are Fighting to Keep Those Home Fires Burning

u, back here in the peace and safety of the homes they e, can help in the bitter struggle that our boys must ce tonight, and tomorrow night, and every day, and every night, until the final VICTORY is won. You, too, must work to keep the home fires burning—for our sons in France.

They need guns and more guns, shells and more shells, they need tanks and transports and airplanes, good food and warm clothes and medicines and hospital supplies—an ever increasing abundance of all the vital materials of war, if they are to drive the ruthless German invaders back within their own borders, and establish for all time the sacredness of American liberty and the safety of America's homes—their homes, our homes.

For these lads that are fighting and dying for you—do your share to send them to VICTORY. Invest today in Bonds of the Third Liberty Loan—ALL the bonds you can. Keep the home fires burning.

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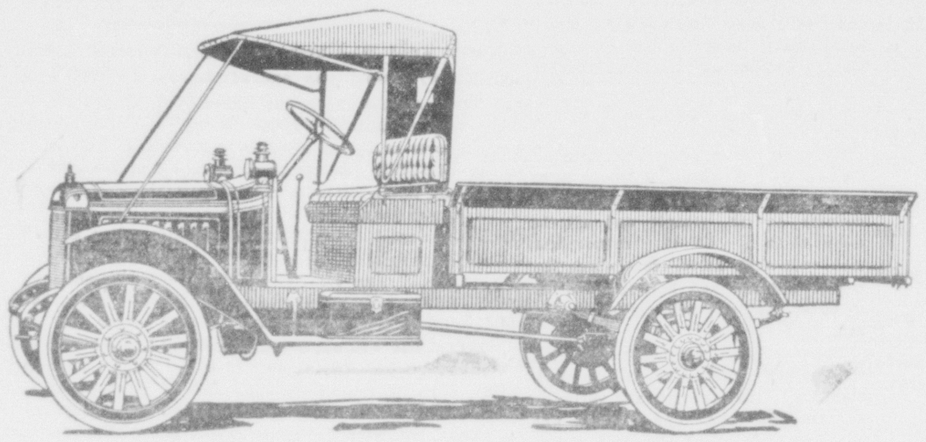

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WEST FOURTH STREET—MARYVILLE, MO.

STORY OF DAVID AND GOLIATH

Rev. Baxter Waters, Pastor of Lexington, Mo., Christian Church, Has a New Version

The Rev. Baxter Waters, pastor of the Christian church at Lexington, Mo., has a new version of the Biblical incident of David and Goliath, brought down to date in a form that smacks of "Billy" Sunday's interpretation of this incident. Here it is as he used it in his sermon in Lexington last Sunday to the cadets of Wentworth Military Academy, who attended his church in a body:

"In those days, as now, there were wars and rumors of wars. David's father, Jesse, said: 'Dave, leave the sheep to me; take a day off and slip over the hill to see how the boys in the trenches are getting along.' As David came up to see the big game a colossal figure stalked down the hillside, frantically challenging Israel: 'Get out, you inferior lot. Go back home; stay at home; keep off the earth.'

"Now David inquired of Shammah, his brother: 'Who is this big stiff, that he should defy the armies of the living God with his might-makes-right lingo?'

"'Sh! Go slow. That's Kaiser Willum.'

"'Shammah, you remember the day Samuel anointed me? Since then my soul has been on fire, and, by the Eternal, there's enough of the Uncle Samuel left in me that I'll can this old kaiser.'

"So David gathered his pebbles from the brook and went after his game. And down came that big bluffer, Bill. And David soused the giant's sword into his jugular vein and lifted high his gory head in the face of the enemy. And the Potsdam gang beat it. Then he called across: 'Sham, go tell dad to get the neighbor boy to look after the sheep; get Uncle Samuel and come on and meet me in Berlin.'"

PROPOSES $25 DOG TAX.

An Oregon Man Would Raise Money to Help Win the War.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Cottage Grove, Ore., April 18. — C. C. Case, of this city thinks that he has discovered a unique way to help win the war. He wants a war tax of $25 placed on all dogs in the United States. The plan would work out as follows, says Mr. Case:

Nine-tenths of the one hundred million dogs in the country would be killed, because their owners would'nt pay the $25 tax on them; taxes on the remaining 10,000,000 dogs would bring the government $250,000,000; the hides of the dead dogs would furnish leather for 200,000,000 pairs of gloves for our soldiers; enough food formerly given to the dogs would be saved to feed thirty million people.

FOCH PRONOUNCED "FOSH."

General Foch's name is not pronounced like "folk" in English. Stephane Lauzanne, editor of Le Matin of Paris explained the pronunciation as follows: "The correct pronunciation of the name of General Ferdinand Foch is with a medium o and with the final ch as though it were sh a trifle shortened. It will rhyme with the French soldiers' name for the unspeakable German butcher soldiers 'Loche.' It is preferable to rhyme it with 'Bosh' rather than 'folk,' which would give the general's name a German sound."

NEGRO GIRL BELLHOPS.

St. Louis, April 18.—For the first time in history hotels in this city are employing negro girl elevator operators and "bellhops." Their first appearance has been noted at the Hamilton hotel.

Can't Help But Admire Babies

Every Woman Casts Loving Glance at the Nestling Cuddled in its Bonnet.

It is a joy and comfort to know that those much talked of pains and other distresses that are said to proceed child-bearing may be avoided. No woman need fear discomfort if she will fortify herself with the well known and time-honored remedy, Mother's Friend.

This is a most grateful, penetrating, external application that at once softens and makes pliant the abdominal muscles and ligaments. By regular use the muscles expand without the usual strain when baby is born and pain and danger at the crisis is consequently less.

Women everywhere who have used this famous remedy tell how they entirely avoided nervousness, twitching spells, bearing down and stretching pains, and relate how they enjoyed entire freedom from the many debilitating and distressing experiences usually incident to approaching motherhood.

Mother's Friend is recommended only for the relief and comfort of expectant mothers, thousands of whom have used and recommended it. It is for external use only, is absolutely and entirely safe and wonderfully effective.

Write the Bradfield Regulator Co., Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., for their "Motherhood Book," so valuable to expectant mothers, and in the meantime obtain a bottle of Mother's Friend from the druggist today and thus fortify yourself against pain and discomfort.

CLOSE BIG STORE, GO TO WAR

German Born Brothers Sell Huge Business In Chicago as an Act of Loyalty to the Nation

Chicago, April 18.—When the lights were put out the other night in the four-story apartment store of Moeller Brothers here, the curtain went down on the first act of a stirring drama of patriotism.

The Moeller Brothers, John P. and Earl C., have offered up the million-dollar business as a sacrifice of loyalty to the nation in which their father and grandfather, both German born, made their fortunes. Stock and buildings have been sold and the brothers are now awaiting daily the call to report for service in Uncle Sam's army.

For forty years the Moellers, grandfather, father and sons, have been building up the business until last year its transactions totalled more than $1,000,000. Three and a half years ago the father died and the sons took up the business, which at the time of its liquidation had over 150 employes.

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Banking Connections

It is a recognized fact that good banking connections assist in establishing credit.

Credit is necessary for the average citizen and is the basis of all business transactions.

Therefore, if your banking connections are not entirely satisfactory to you, we invite you to call and meet our officials.

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C. D. Bellows, Vice-Pres. — H. D. Snyder, Ass't Sec'y
Geo. R. Ellison, Vice-Pres. & Counsel — A. W. Hoover, Attorney

KNITTING HONORS CLAIMED.

St. Louis, April 18.—Holding a record of having knitted four dozen sweaters, three dozen helmets, several dozen wristbands, kneecaps, abdominal bands and other necessary articles, Mrs. Amelia Delporte of this city is believed to be the champion knitter in the country. She has a son serving in the army.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

THE COBBLER COMES BACK

There Is Lots of Work for the Shoe Repair Man In These Days of Costly Footwear

A few years ago the cobbler pegged away with hammer and awl, read philosophy, ancient and modern, and was the friend of every child in the neighborhood. When one brought him a pair of decrepit shoes he was sympathetic and expressed a kindly doubt whether they could be half-soled and generally overhauled for less than 65 cents. Nowadays it is different. The cobbler is a plutocrat who owns buzzing machines. When he gives the shoes of last winter the once-over he coldly announces that near-rubber soles will be $2 and the heels will be 75 cents. Naturally one reaches the depths of despair in his presence.

It requires but small power of observation to discover that the cobbler has lately "come back." Local cobblers are working over time and they are coining money in their own way. Ever since the shoe manufacturer began increasing his prices the people have sought to equalize matters by wearing their shoes just a little bit longer. In order to make this scheme work there had to be cobblers. Then the cobblers got to raising prices and one's plans for economy were shot full of holes. While shoemaking by hand is a disappearing art, cobbling never before attained such importance as an industry. The difference is that nowadays they cobble with machinery.

Perhaps there is some retributive justice in the present prosperity of the cobbler for the people have been making the going mighty hard for the cobbler's forerunner, the shoemaker, for three-quarters of a century. The trade of shoemaker has been made unprofitable by the introduction of machines, and shoes became so cheap that even the cobbler had little to do.

On one of the voyages of the Mayflower a shoemaker named Thomas Beard landed in Boston and began to ply his trade. A little later another establishment was started at Lynn, Mass., and for three centuries that state has led the country in manufacturing shoes. For two centuries the shoemaker was an itinerant workman who went from farm to farm where he converted the home-tanned leather into boots and shoes. When the shoemaker had a shop of his own he had a bench, one end of which was divided into compartments for pegs and things. If one should question one's grandfather on the subject he will speak of the wonderful boots available in the olden days. Even within the memory of the present generation there were men who used to have their shoes and boots made by hand. It was a mark of distinction for some local sport to pay $18 or maybe $28 for a pair of boots into which he stuck his trouser legs.

Then came the invention of the machine to compress sole leather, the substitution of wooden and metal pegs for stitches, the invention of the sewing machine and a score of other devices which made hand labor unprofitable. The shoemaker gradually disappeared and his plac ewas taken by a less skilled workman whose duty was to mend shoes. Then came many lean years while the shoe manufacturing industry grew great. Now it appears that the shoemaker, or his successor, the cobbler, is coming into his own again.

MINERS STRIKE BECAUSE OF SLACKER EXEMPTION

Gebo, Wyo., April 18.—This little mining town is 100 per cent patriotic. An assistant postmaster was given a deferred draft classification because of his job. All the miners in the village—200 strong—went out on strike as a result.

The strike lasted thirty-six hours until the assistant postmaster agreed to enlist. Whereupon the miners called a mass meeting and voted money from the union treasury to care for the man's family during his absence. Only four of the 200 strikers were born in America.

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office.

Government License No. G 52139. Reference: The Bank of Skidmore.

SEED CORN—1916 CROP

Reid's Yellow Dent ..... Test 95-99 per cent
St. Charles White ..... Test 97-100 per cent

WHITE SEED CORN—1917 CROP.

St. Charles White ..... Test 93-98 per cent
Boone County ..... Test 90-96 per cent
Iowa Silvermine ..... Test 93-99 per cent
Davenport White ..... Test 94-98 per cent

YELLOW CORN—1917 CROP

Reid's Yellow Dent ..... Test 93-98 per cent
Iowa Goldmine ..... Test 90-95 per cent
Gold Beauty ..... Test 90-95 per cent
Field's Pride, 90-day ..... Test 90-95 per cent

RED SEED CORN

90 Day White Cap ..... Test 90-99 per cent

This corn was all grown within 6 miles of Skidmore and is acclimated. I have an advantage of 1,000 bushels, government tested, that averaged 97 per cent, the highest quality in the state.

THREE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BUY YOUR SEED CORN OF US.

1. The farmers need the seed. 2. The country needs a good corn crop. 3. We have the quality and it is price reasonable.

A. F. HOWDEN & SON
SKIDMORE, MISSOURI.

NOTICE

By a recent Government ruling we will be allowed to purchase hens. Beginning Saturday morning we will be in the market for your fowls and will quote a price in accordance with Eastern markets.

We would advise our customers to use discretion in marketing their fowls, as an oversupplied market is looked for.

We are in the market for eggs for storage. Our prices on all produce is Guaranteed.

CHAS. A. JENSEN, in Maryville.

Hosmer's Mid-Month Stock Sale

GRAY'S PAVILION

Maryville, Saturday, April 20th

HORSES, MULES, CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP—All kinds and classes. What do you want to sell? LIST IT NOW. A GOOD QUANTITY OF ALL KINDS OF STOCK ARE ALREADY LISTED. YOU ARE NEXT. SPECIAL NO. 1—Black 3-year-old Percheron stallion—weight 1800. Listed by L. B. Converse.

R. P. Hosmer, "The Auctioneer"

Pure Bred License No. 32 Prince Brilliant

The classy young Percheron Stallion, will be found as usual for public service at our farm one mile north and two miles west of the County Infirmary. He is sired by Mr. Roelofson's far-famed champion, Phenix No. 42215. His dam is Madeline No. 53077, a large richly brilliant bred mare in the ton class. He has large bone, clean, shapely limbs, thick set fine form, quality, finish, style and action.

PRINCE BRILLIANT, 5 years old, gentle and affectionate, big and broad and black, weighing 2200 pounds, is pronounced by many competent horsemen to be one of the most perfect Draft Stallions in the state of Missouri. But best of all he is a real breeder, being able to transmit those much sought after qualities to his offspring. His colts are models of perfection. If you have a good mare be sure to get a date for this horse.

TERMS—$15.00 for a living foal able to stand and suck—the money then due.

Re moval or parting with mare forfeits the service fee which becomes due at once. The foal shall be subjected to the payment of the service fee as is required by Article IV, Chapter 74 of the Revised Statues of Missouri for year 1909.

Mares for breeding from a distance may be left and pastured free of charge. No liability will be assumed for accidents or escapes.

We will appreciate a visit from you. Bring your neighbor and be our guest. Phone Maryville Central 29-15.

W. M. Golding
Breeder of Pure Bred Percherons and Shropshires.

Bring Us Your Poultry

THE U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION HAS LIFTED THE EMBARGO ON HENS EFFECTIVE FRIDAY NIGHT.

Bring us your poultry, eggs and cream next Saturday and we will pay you the highest market price.

J. A. Speirs

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THAT BRING RESULTS

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Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

Ads running less than three days or interrupted insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.

Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for CASH with order. An extra charge of Five Cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—Barred Rock eggs from extra good stock; no cheap stuff. M. C. Thompson. Far. phone 41-15. 21tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Oakland, 7 passenger, 6 cylinder car, excellent condition, equipped with Goodyear cord tires. Real bargain if taken soon. G. O. Riley, Skidmore, Mo. 1-tf

FOR SALE—Harley-Davidson motorcycle, in good running order. Chas. Robbins, Box 49, Skidmore, Mo. 13-19*

FOR SALE—One 1914 Buick roadster in first class repair; also one 83 Overland limousine or touring car, can be bought at a bargain if taken at once. Inquire at Tilson's Garage. 16-18

FOR SALE—One upright piano, mahogany case, standard make, nearly new $200. One used piano, mahogany case, excellent condition $159. One used upright piano, burl walnut case, excellent tone, $125. One square piano, good condition $25. We have a number of used parlor organs, overhauled and in good shape, prices from $10 to $25. Landon Music Co. 16-22

FOR SALE—Top buggy in good condition. Price right. Elmer Fraser. 17-19

FOR SALE—Fresh cow, with heifer calf—good milker. 216 E. 3rd. Hanamo 3041. 18tf

FOR SALE—Second hand 1916 Ford touring car, excellent condition. Frank Rickman, Hanamo 4445. 18-20*

FOR SALE—2-year-old Leming's Improved and some Iowa Gold Mine seed corn, shelled. Also some joint popcorn. J. L. Scott, 215 W. 7th. Farmers 34-0-11. 18-20*

PROGRESSIVE Ever-bearing Strawberry plants, $1.00 hundred. A. W. Frazee, Farmers phone 144. 17-19*

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—"23" jitney station will run a general delivery in connection with their jitney business. We will haul anything. Call us. E. C. Moberly. 23-tf

I AM doing sidewalk and basement cement floor work. Leave orders with F. M. Manley. 15-20*

TYPIST desires position in office part of day after May 1. Phone Hanamo 19. 18-20*

I will trade my equity in new residence property for car. Inquire at Protzman's barber shop. 11tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—6 room house, 1102 East Jenkins. Inquire Louis Gram, Hanamo 5542. 4tf

THREE unfurnished rooms for rent. 324 E. 4th. Call Farmers 62. 18-20*

FOR RENT—Large, modern room, 609 West First. Hanamo phone 4699. 16-18

FOR RENT—House on Mulberry street, 1½ blocks south water tower. See S. M. Redfield. 18-20*

FOR RENT—Modern 6 room house, close in, good neighborhood, large garden. Vacant April 15. R. L. McDougal. 4-tf

WANTED

WANTED—At once a porter at New Linville Hotel. 16-18

WANTED—The Democrat-Forum wants a good news correspondent at Burlington Junction and Skidmore. For further information apply o write. tf

AN Established accident and health insurance company wants agents in all sections of Missouri. Liberal policies for wage earners, including women. Splendid opportunity for live wire. Write National Casualty Co., Detroit, Mich. 17-19*

WANTED—Night clerk at Bainum Hotel. 17-19

WANTED—To furnish music for rural school entertainments, etc. Alma Nash, 319 W. Thompson. 18-20*

THE SISSON LOAN & TITLE CO.

MARYVILLE, MISSOURI

Real Estate, Loans and Insurance

Counting Rooms Over Nodaway Valley Bank

Best Terms Ever Offered—See Us.

MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Grain Market Future.

Kansas City, April 18.—CORN—May $1.27.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, April 18.—CATTLE—Receipts 5,000; steers $12 @ $17.35; cows $8 @ $14.50.

HOGS—Receipts 8,000; top $17.65; bulk $17.25 @ $17.55.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, April 18. — CATTLE — Receipts 16,000; market 15 to 25 higher.

HOGS—Receipts 32,000; market 15 lower; top $17.85.

St Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, April 18.—CATTLE—Receipts 2,500; market steady.

HOGS — Receipts 7,000; market 5 lower; top $17.50.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Eggs, per doz. 30c
Cream, per lb.....39c
Hides, per lb. 8

WANTED—Girl for general house work. Call Hanamo phone 6718. 17-19

WANTED—Donation of sewing machines for Red Cross rooms of the Wilcox and Ireland auxiliaries. Phone Farmers 11-23 or 31-21. 17-19*

LOST

LOST — Ford skid chain between Ravenwood and Diamond Branch school. Finder leave at Goodson's lumber yard. Bert Cooper. 17-19*

LOST—Auto license No. 124531 on road from Orrsburg to Maryville. Leave at this office or give to J. D. Ford. 18-20*

Found.

FOUND—Hound dog. Owner may have by paying for ad and describing property. Inquire Democrat-Forum. 16-18

Charles I. Hann of Burlington Junction was among the out of town people in Maryville today.

The K. P. lodge held their regular meeting last Tuesday night. The members voted to buy a Liberty bond.

Bob

Black jack, coming 4 years old, will make the season 1918 at barn of J. R. Dowden ¾ mile east of Myrtle Tree.

$10.00 to insure living colt. Not responsible for accidents should any occur.

J. R. DOWDEN, Owner.

WATCH YOUR EYESIGHT

EYES EXAMINED FREE

Our expert graduate Optometrist will diagnose your eye troubles and tell you what you need. The service is free at

KUCHS BROTHERS

222 N. Main Street.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—S. C. Buff Orpington eggs, $5.00 per 100; $1.25 per setting. Winter egg laying strain. Mrs. Dillard Palmer, Route 1, both phones.

FULL BLOODED White Wyandotte eggs for sale, $4.50 per 100. Call Mutual phone, Burling n Junction. Mrs. P. D. Nicholas.

FOR HATCHING—R. I. R. eggs, 85c per setting; $4.50 per 100. Delivered carefully wrapped at any store in Maryville. Mrs. Ralph Pierpoint. Farmers phone 43-22, Maryville, Mo.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—S. C. Brown Leghorns exclusively for 11 years. The kind that lay. Mrs. J. R. Evans, Maryville, Route 7. Farmers phone 15-13.

BARRED ROCK EGGS—$5.00 per hundred. Mrs. S. H. Wells Route 7. Mutu l 44-19.

DON'T BE A WELCHER.

(By Jack Lait, author and playwright, whose play, "Help Wanted," made him famous over night.)

Do you suppose Abraham Lincoln, if he were alive today, would buy a Liberty Bond?

Do you know that the German people, with all that they have suffered, oversubscribed the heavy popular loan to their infamous Government recently? And that Government is the one we must break.

Do you think that the wealth of this Nation, which is incalculable, inconceivable, indescribable even in billions, is sound security for the loan of a few more of your dollars?

Do you understand that your Government MUST have the amount it asks for, and, while there is no need for threats at this time, and there probably never will be, the Government gets what it MUST, as it did in the case of men when the volunteer system proved inadequate?

Do you realize that he who lends to Uncle Sam gives manyfold to himself, and that his interest is paid in dollars, in safety, in honor, in victory, in life itself?

Do you doubt that the Stars and Stripes are worth a few greenbacks to you?

Do you want, in the ultimate hour of America's monumental triumph, when she has restored peace to the universe and freedom to all peoples, to say to yourself, "I did nothing to help all this?"

Do you hope for the achievement of your country's aims and promises, ideals and pledges, yet hoard a few beggarly dollars at the same time?

Do you quite digest the oft-told proposition that, if we win, your Liberty Bonds are worth par and interest; if we lose—heaven forbid—the money you withhold from the public purse for that purpose is no better lien against your Government than the bonds themselves?

Do you dare to look your Liberty Bond buying neighbor in the face when you, yourself, have welched the sacred obligations that you automatically assumed every time you enjoyed the protection of the Stars and Stripes since birth or adoption here?

Do you value a cold dollar more than the hot thrill of having done a citizen's full duty; struck a blow against abysmal tyranny; backed the lads who are fighting for you; saluted Old Glory and kicked the Kaiser?

Do you still look a fat bank balance in the countenance when every true American is ready to strip himself for the world's salvation on earth?

Do you experience any emotion when the "Star Spangled Banner" is played, and can possession of a few hidden currency notes give you the same grand sizzle of pride, love, courage, hope, and exaltation?

Do you, then, your duty!

Buy another Liberty Bond and swell your American chest—you have helped make world history; you have helped make world humanity; you have helped make world glory for a glorious world saved from butchery and kultur.

FOR RENT—6 room cottage. See Dr. K. C. Cummins. 18-20*

WHAT THUMBS ARE WORTH

Digit Is Estimated to Represent Fully One-Third of the Total Value of the Hand.

One has only to grasp a pen or a tool of some sort to realize that the different fingers are far from having the same value in regard to their usefulness in performing work. The most important, states a writer, is the thumb, for without it seizing or holding would be very imperfect. The hand is no longer pincers, but merely a claw, when deprived of the thumb. It may be estimated that the thumb represents fully a third of the total value of the hand. The total loss of the thumb is estimated by competent authorities as 15 to 35 per cent for the right and 10 to 15 per cent for the left hand, except for workers in art, when 40 to 50 for the right and 25 to 40 per cent for the left hand comes nearer the value.

The total loss of the index finger causes an incapacity estimated at from 10 to 25 per cent for the right hand and 10 to 15 per cent for the left. The middle finger is less important than the index. The ring finger is least important, and the little finger may be compared to its neighbor, except in the professions in which it serves as a point of support for the hand.

OLD PAPERS for sale at this office.

HOW FRANCE IS FIGHTING THE HUM

Almost Under the Guns at the Battle Front the Women Are Cultivating the Fields

(By Judson C. Welliver)

France, sweet, smiling, gay, serious, careless-seeming but earnest-living France, has been immemorially the sweetheart of the world, the favorite in the family of the nations.

It might be possible to fight France, but never to hate her—until the Hun brought his lust of power and territory and dominion and taught the world what hatred meant.

Not long ago I stood one autumn afternoon on a little hilltop in the midst of Champagne. Five miles away was Rheims, whence we had just come; Rheims, with its ruined cathedral and its record of almost daily bombardment by German guns for many months. The skeleton of the ruined pile still bore proudly up, dominating the wide-flung plain.

It was the height of the harvest season. From our observation height the plain spread in all directions. The little, unfenced fields presented a vast, irregular patchwork in all colors to which ripe autumnal vegetation lends itself.

But we noticed that only women and girls, boys and old men, with a sprinkling of convalescent soldiers were doing the work.

Suddenly one of our party, studying a line of low hills possibly five miles away, exclaimed:

"Look! There's a cannonade going on right under our noses!"

Sure enough, all along the range of hills little puffs of smoke were rising and spreading themselves lazily like a mist. Faster and more furious grew the bombardment.

"The boche at his afternoon amusement of strafing our line over there," drily observed the French officer who was escorting us.

We produced our glasses and studied it closely. Everybody at once made the same discovery.

"Why," we exclaimed, the people over there are going right ahead with their field work, literally under the enemy's fire, as if they had never dreamed of doing it in any other way."

The officer shrugged. "That is what living in France means to us in these times," he said.

We began to see more evidences of the business of war. A line of observation "sausage balloons" was strung along over the French lines.

Then, out of a mass of low-lying cumulus clouds crept what looked like a fly walking along the painted picture of a cloud.

"An aeroplane!" somebody exclaimed.

"Yes; a German Gotha, making a dash to cut down the balloon nearest us," explained the officer.

By this time we could make it out plainly. The observer in the balloon was adjusting his parachute to jump. The workers in the field looked up from their tasks for a moment; then back to their harvesting.

A couple of planes leaped out from behind another cloud and started to cut off the Gotha's approach to the endangered "sausage."

"French planes to the rescue!" we shouted.

The harvest workers stopped again, leaned on their implements a moment, made sure that the beaten Gotha was diving into obscurity of the cloud from which it had emerged, and returned to their tasks.

That was life in a French harvest field in wartime.

Another day we saw another picture of wartime France—of France in the struggle for its life. We were taken into a country village on the ancient road from Albert to Bapaume: the broad plain over which the tide of war three times has surged. It was early spring.

An old Frenchman, his wife and a girl of perhaps twelve were trudging along the roadside toward Bapaume. Each carried a pack containing a few household necessaries. We had passed them on the road, but they overtook us while we rested to eat a lunch of sandwiches and thermos-bottle coffee.

We stopped them and learned their story of living in France in wartime. It was much the same, but different.

They, also, had been driven out of their little hamlet home when the war came to it. They had seen their house in flames, and had joined the stream of terrified peasantry hurrying away to Amiens. There were grandfather and grandmother, father and mother, son and daughter. They had owned three or four little strips of ground adjacent to the village in which, like most of the French agricultural workers, they lived. There they had raised wheat, vegetables, sugar beets, kept a cow, some chickens and pigs, and been happy.

When they had reached Amiens they expected to be safe. But the Germans captured that town, though they held it only a short time. During the German occupation they were under rigorous military control; but it brought no great privation, for the town had supplies for that period.

When, after the Marne, the Hun fell back, this family disintegrated. The father and son escaped and joined the French army. One was too old, the other too young, to be required to join up at the first call; but they were both presently accepted. Both had been killed at Verdun.

The grandmother had died in Amiens during the exile; privation and broken spirits had overcome her. There were left the old man, his daughter-in-law and the little girl. Somehow they had lived, doing whatever offered itself, living in the poorest quarters—waiting for the day when they could go back to rebuild their home and start in the world anew. They were now on their way to it.

We did not see their home; but we saw hundreds like it, destroyed as it was; little stone or brick houses standing flush with the highroad. The Germans had used them to quarter troops, cutting loopholes for machine guns. Almost every house had been the scene of a hand-to-hand fight at one period or another. Hindenburg had finally abandoned the area. When they finally retreated the Germans blew up the houses with great charges of explosives.

The land was ditched and seared with endless trenches, franked by wide zones of barbed wire. Mine craters were frequent; it would have been possible to bury a respectable country church, steeple and all, in some of them. All the surface was torn with shell holes, from which the chalky sub-soil had been spewed up to cover the land and render it barren.

These people had heard that the ruin of their home was still, in part, standing. It was spring, and spring is the time of hope. The invader was retreating. True, he was only a dozen miles or so ahead; but what of that? They were returning to their home, to reclaim their little patchwork fields, to sow a new crop, to help France feed itself for another year of war.

Such as they, thousands and thousands of the peasants, crowded back into the abandoned, ruined areas as fast as the Germans were pressed northward. No part of the Huns' work of destruction had been so thorough as his utter demolition of the agricultural implements.

This fragment of a family was typical. Its story was the story of what savagery means when, armed with the implements which science has put in its hands, it sets out to conquer the world.

Liberty Bonds are civilization's policy against such conflagrations.

NO REASON FOR IT.

When Maryville Citizens Show a Way.

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Maryville citizen says:

Mrs. W. A. Townsend, 423 West Sixth St., Maryville, says: "At one time when having trouble with a lame and aching back and congestion of the kidneys, I used Doan's Kidney Pills. They helped me from the first and also removed the trouble with my back and improved my health in every way."

Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy — get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Townsend had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Sent in: "That Forumette hit me, all right. The shoe fit me. I put it on, but I'll be darned if I'll lace it up."—Unsigned.

The man of the house may not know a whole lot of things, but he certainly has more sense than to use one of the company towels that was hung up in the bath room just like it was there for anybody's use.

STONE RITES HELD TODAY.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Nevada, Mo., April 18. — Senator Stone was buried here today under Masonic rites. All business in the town was closed for the funeral.

Rev. C. R. Green and daughter of Harmony neighborhood were in Maryville yesterday.

CHICHESTER S PILLS

THE DIAMOND BRAND.

Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-che-ster's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Frightful Story of Hun Astrocites As Related by a British Sergeant

New York, April 18.—Frightful stories of Hun atrocities against American prisoners are told by Sergeant James D. Enright of the medical enlistment reserve corps, who has just arrived here from France.

"The boys found two lads with their throats cut from ear to ear one day early in November," he said. "It was too much for them, so they set out for the enemy's trench and brought back several prisoners. A week later we again found three of our men with the eyes gouged out.

"The following day we found another boy whom the Germans had taken prisoner with his head battered into mush. They had placed a bag over his head and had beaten him with the butts of their guns until he was dead. The doughboys grew so mad at these things that a series of raids followed which netteed as many prisoners.

"These prisoners were surprised when they saw the size of our forces. 'The Fatherland is gone now. We are lost,' they declared in broken English."

Sergeant Enright was honorably discharged from service because of a nervous breakdown due to overwork in a base hospital directly behind the American line in the Toul sector. He was a member of the Johns Hopkins hospital unit which preceded General Pershing's expeditionary forces to the battle front and one of the first Americans to be greeted by the French people in towns within earshot of the cannon's roar.

He has words of high praise for the hospitality of the French people to the American soldiers.

"It was impossible to mess in these French towns," he said. "The people would not let us do it. They would come out of their houses and just drag us in over our objections. Nothing was too good for us and there was more than we could eat.

"To the French girls the Americans were all millionaires. The French soldier gets only six cents a day and the Yanks were so plentifully supplied with money that the girls marvelled at them."

Formerly Rich Pole, Nom Laborer, Tells of Atrocities Practised by Inhuman Huns

Denver, April 18.—Three years ago Scholim Wyskowski was one of the wealthiest merchants in the Russo-Polish city of Gralevo. Today he is a day laborer at a wage of $18 a week in the Globeville smelter of Denver. Wyskowski terms his lot a rise in the world rather than a fall. His story is the tale of "The Coming of the Hun." Here it is:

"Our home was just three miles from Prussia. There was the wife, three children and myself. My stock of merchandise was appraised at 200,000 rubles. I had 100,000 more in the bank. Then came the Germans. Two weeks later I had no store; there was no bank. We were driven to Vilna, capital of Lithuania. The German looters followed.

"The population of Vilna shrank from 250,000 to 100,000. Those who fled before the Teuton armed mob could take nothing from their homes. These homes were looted. The women left behind without the protection of their men were ravished. Men who remained were made slaves. The first week of the occupation of Vilna every householder was ordered under penalty of death to turn over to the German officers one good woolen blanket if his rent was less than 300 rubles a year; two blankets if his rental was more than that.

"A week passed. The Huns commandeered one bedstead with bedding and a complete change of linen from each home.

"At the beginning of the second week of German rule the commandeering orders became so heavy that virtually every home in Vilna was stripped. My family slept on a pile of straw in a damp cellar. Soldiers and officers occupied every house. We were rationed on a few ounces of bread a day. That was all—no meat, no sugar, no change of diet. The Huns lived on the fat of the land.

"Before the outset of the fifth week of Prussian ruthlessness the Huns started stripping houses of every piece of metal that could be found. This, with the other loot, was shipped by trainloads to Prussia.

"Then the bread ration was cut and the people began to die of starvation. Drunken German officers and soldiers continued to feast amidst the starving. There was nothing more to loot.

"With several other starving families we were permitted to 'escape.' We were allowed to go because the girls were too young to be of use to the officers; our boys too young to become slaves.

"The lucky ones reached America. The others died. How some of them died — especially the wives — is another story."

HIS FRIENT A COWARD-NEVER

And So Col. J. C. Miller Consented to Promote the Willard-Fulton Heavyweight Battle July 4

New York, April 18.—Men who have been following the fighting game are still wondering how it happened that Big Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, the Rochester plasterer, got hitched up for a titular battle on July 4. The answer is Colonel J. C. Miller.

This is how it came about:

Colonel Miller and Big Jess had been friends for many years out on the plains before Jess even thought of the "squared circle." Then after Jess stepped into fame by relieving Jack Johnson of the heavyweight title and decided to take a turn at the circus game, they hooked up again.

The retired ranchman had never been much of a fight enthusiast; in fact, he had never taken more than a passing interest in boxing. He just happened to be in Joplin, Mo., one night when Texas Tate and Fulton met there and followed the crowds to the ringside. This was the first ring battle that the colonel had ever witnessed.

Last winter when the racing season at New Orleans was going at its height, Colonel Miller drifted down to the fair grounds track and was on deck for the Fulton-Moran fight. He purchased a front seat and got very much interested in the mill, when it suddenly came to an end in the third round.

Mike Collins, manager for Fulton, spied the circus man and made for his box, yelling at the top of his voice:

"Now, what do you think of Fulton? He knocked out Moran, and that's something Willard couldn't do."

While Collins, in his excitement, continued yelling threats of what Fulton could do to the champion, at the top of his voice, Miller slipped out through the crowd, anxious to get away where he could no longer hear his friend called a coward.

A few days later the retired ranchman and the heavyweight champion met in a hotel at Jacksonville—the colonel says it was by accident. Miller related the incident to Willard and Jess decided that he would meet Fulton provided his friend would consent to promote the fight. Articles were signed and the world knows the rest of the story.

SNAP BEANS.

Bush and pole beans are among the most valuable and dependable crops of the garden. "When in doubt what to plant—plant beans."

Beans thrive best in a rather warm, sandy loam, but may be grown on almost any kind of soil. For the best results the soil should not be too rich in nitrogenous matter, or the plants will run to foliage and stems at the expense of the crop. Beans will not withstand frost, and the first plantings in the spring should not be made until about two weeks after the average date of the last killing frost. The soil should be in good condition and the rows should be laid out perfectly straight so as to make cultivation easy. One pint of the seed of most varieties of snap beans is sufficient for a 100-foot row. When the cultivation is to be done by horse, the rows should be from 30 to 36 inches apart. When hand cultivation is to be employed, the rows should be from 18 to 24 inches apart. It requires from 40 to 60 days for snap beans to be ready for use if the weather conditions are favorable.

Successive plantings of string beans should be made at intervals of 10 days to two weeks throughout the growing season. By following this scheme a constant supply of tender beans will be assured.—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

NO NEWS OF CYCLOPS.

Washington, April 18.—The navy department today is still without information of any kind regarding the mysterious disappearance of the collier, Cyclops, reported missing for three weeks past.

Russell Young at Hospital.

Russell Young of Quitman, who had both hands so badly bruised that an operation was necessary, is now at St. Francis hospital at Maryville taking treatment. He is improved today.